

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 6, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 4-6, 9-30, and 32-44 remain in this application. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 31, 45, and 46 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 9-30 and 32-44 were previously withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC 112

In the Office Action claims 1, 7, 8, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Since claims 1, 7, 8, 45, and 46 have been canceled this rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejection Under 35 USC 103

In the Office Action claims 2, 3, and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Alanara et al. (US 6,097,961) in view of Lim (US 6,404,754 B1). Since claims 2, 3, and 31 have been canceled this rejection is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action claims 4-6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3, which it previously depended from. Therefore, claims 4-6 are allowable because they now include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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